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Supplement to the Advisory

Applicant argues at page 6, that the present invention is distinct over Okada because Okada is directed toward fax transmission while the present invention is directed toward distributing a received fax.

The examiner strongly disagrees since the two functions have overlapping definitions. Distributing a fax that has been received, such that it is given to another party, involves a transmission process. The document once received, must go through a communication procedure to transfer or duplicate the received data to the new recipient.

The terms "transmit" and "distribute" are near synonymous in the field of image communication. Although Okada may not use the semantic term "distribute" a transmission from fax A to Fax B is a distribution of electronic data from a position of fax A to a position of fax B.

Applicant also argues that no language regarding a receiver is claimed in claim 1. However, step 1 of the method states, "... receiving said fax...". Hence, an implication is made that a fax is to be received. There is something that is to function as a receptor or receiver of the fax for the reason the process step declares "receiving".

At page 7 of the remarks, applicant argues that Okada doesn't disclose the identical invention of notifying an Internet enabled device associated with an intended recipient as to where a fax is stored.

Applicant's assertion appears to be merely an allegation or speculation. Applicant has not provided specific examples showing why or how the limitations and support relied upon in the rejection are not anticipated by Okada.

Therefore, the examiner contends that the rejection of claims is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

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